

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | | | |
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| TAKASHI IMAI, et al. | | :) | |
| Application No.: 10/775,095 | | ·) | Group Art Unit: 2622 |
| Filed: February 11, 2004 | | : | |
| For: | IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND CONTROL METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS | :) :) | June 22, 2004 |
| | issioner for Patents | | |

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Application No. 10/780,621 listed below.

| Application No. | Filing Date | Group Art Unit | Attorney <u>Docket No.</u> | Inventor(s) |
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

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